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**HISTORIC LOWREY WAGON WORKS CERTIFIED  
REHABILITATION RIBBON CUTTING TO BE HELD  
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Historic Augusta is pleased to announce the recent completion of the certified historic rehabilitation of the Lowrey Wagon Works building, located at the corner of Ellis Street and James Brown Boulevard in Augusta, Georgia. A ribbon cutting will be held Wednesday January 13, 2016, at 11:00am at the main entrance at 912 Ellis Street.

The Lowrey Wagon Works was constructed in 1860 by proprietor J. H. Lowrey. Shortly after the opening, the Civil War began and the property was transformed into a shoe factory for Confederate soldiers. At the end of the Civil War, the location served for a short time as a school for newly freed black children, organized by a group of local churches after the property was seized by the federal government. Once enrollment was too large for the wagon factory, the school was moved and the building was reacquired by its original owner and the wagon works was reopened in 1866. The wagon factory was a prosperous business over the next forty years.

Vacant since the 1980s, the rehabilitation of the Lowrey Wagon Works has created 19 income producing residential apartments. In addition to utilization of the certified rehabilitation tax credit program, the owner also applied for funding through the Georgia Cities Foundation through the Downtown Development Authority of Augusta. The mission of the Foundation is to assist cities in their community development efforts to revitalize and enhance underserved downtown areas by serving as a partner and facilitator in funding capital projects.

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